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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Isabelle G, Birdie, Amelia, Dexter, Ava, Ted, Blake

Prayer & Praise Award - Betsy K

Sports Leader's Award - Henry P

Multi-skills - Ava, Roman

Football - Jensen

Next week will be week 3 choices.

World Book Day - We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. Please do not go to any expense.

School Meals - The cost of paid school meals for junior pupils will rise to £3 per day (£15 per week) wef 13th April.

Swimming - On Friday 17th April, all junior pupils will start swimming at Accrington Academy in the morning; they will be back in time for lunch. Please note, all pupils will need to wear a swim cap. These can be bought at the Academy for £3 each (last year's price), or you can source your own. Thank you.

Tesco Stronger Starts - Quick update - we are currently in second place, please help us keep this position or move into first place!

Reminder -please remember to use your blue tokens for our school in any of the stores listed below.

In Accrington store, there are tubs of tokens on the self-checkout tills.

Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your friends & family, we need all the help we can get!

6154 Accrington Extra BB5 1LN

4467 Baxenden Express BB5 2QJ

5350 Accrington Abbey Street Esso Express BB5 1EW

5752 Oswaldtwistle Mill Express BB5 3JB

Cards, wrapping paper, bows & tissue paper -We sell cards at £1 each, also lots of tissue paper (various colours) for £1.50 per pack, a gift box of bows, ribbon and tags for £4, wrapping paper £1, curly bows £2 (pack of 4), paper bows£1.50 (pack of 4).

All money raised from the sale of these will go to school fund. Thank you.



Our school lottery is open to everyone so please encourage your family and friends to join. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised **£11,642.80**

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £5.00 per month (direct debit) you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately £20 (dependant on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of £25000 every week.**

To support us please visit Yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Altham St James.

Sports clubs Year 2 and above

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-12.30- Coach to 5K (juniors only)

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm

Tuesday - Football until 4:30pm.

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm

UNIFORM - Whittaker's supply our uniform, it is available at the store inside Oswaldtwistle Mills.

If you have any queries or want to check before you travel contact details are tel. 01254 871025 or email Accrington-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

Pre loved uniform - Mrs Briggs runs a Facebook page for this, [Altham St James uniform secondhand | Groups | Facebook](#)

Dates for your diary -

Tuesday 10th February - School nurse drop in 2:30pm.

Wednesday 11th February - Angel service. An adult must accompany all pupils.

Friday 13th February - **School closes for half term and reopens on Monday 23rd February.**

Thursday 26th February - Open the Book assembly.

Friday 27th February - School photos

Thursday 5th March - first Lent Service, in Church (Reception, Year 1-2)

Friday 6th March - School nurse drop in 2:15pm.

Friday 6th March - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character (please don't go to any expense)

Thursday 12th March - 2nd Lent Service, in Church (Year 3-4)

Thursday 19th March - 3rd Lent Service, in Church (Year 5-6)

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

Monday 23rd March - Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Thursday 26th March - Open the Book in Church for our final Lent service.

Friday 27th March - **School closes for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 13th April.**

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher